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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Part B for NOV 1925

SUBJECT

Alleged assaulting in Erangere Police Station

To The Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops
The Dy Comm. & Dt Magistrate, Mysore.
No 1175 & Dy 10/11/25

Records the correspondence & states, that the officers of the Battalion should be directed to exercise closer supervision over their men in future

General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No 1

Report from the Assistant Police regarding a raid on the Lunguse Police Station on 25.5.25 by certain members of the Bangalore Detachment of Bare Sepoys who are in lyche in connection with the Dasara celebrations

The matter enquired is regarding Sergeant Kempannah who was detained when going to a school compound where some women were sleeping

It is stated that neither the Commandant of the Bangalore Infantry and the Lyche Infantry rendered any help the latter even declining to come.

The Kempannaiya is reported to have a detailed enquiry instituted and should offences have been committed under the criminal law they will have to be dealt with under the ordinary law

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Serial No. 3

From

The Deputy Comr & Dist. Magte, Mysore -

letter no 95 dt 6.10.25
(received in C.B. on 17.10.25)

Forwards copy of the City Magistrate's letter reporting the result of his Enquiry into the alleged Report raid into Srirangapura Police Station together with a copy of his letter to the Chief Commandant.

The Chief Commandant has been asked by wire also on the 3rd Oct 25 to furnish a detailed report in the matter.

Submitted with reference & a short reminder.

17.10.25.

(Reply since received)

4 From

The Chief Commandant no C.98/25 dt 19.10.25

Submits a report in the matter of a raid on the Srirangapura Police Station by some members of the Bangalore Infantry detachment and states that the 3 persons concerned will be dealt with departmentally and that the Officers of the First Regiment and Commandant of the Third Regiment will be warned.

Submitted with reference.

20.10.25.

Attention is invited to paras 5 and 7 above

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It is not clear from Mr Ruppersam Dyengar's report if he held any enquiry apart from that which the City Magistrate gellspore conducted It does not appear that he has done so. The occasion seems to call for some more detailed enquiry and fixing of responsibility for some or many of the men having been where they were and raiding the Police Station The Ch. Cendt. may perhaps be asked to hold a detailed enquiry and send up the records with his remarks

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(Chief Secretary)

What is the punishment awarded - Was a separate enquiry been held by the military authority

Forwarded respectfully to the Ch Commandant

23.10.21

Ch Secy

Returned with Compts. No seperate enquiry was held by me. I was present with The City Magistrate throughout the enquiry held by him and

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Considered that an independent enquiry by me would serve no useful purpose. In fact, I reported this to the Bureau at Hyderabad when as instructed by him I saw him on the evening of 26th September. On the evidence before us, responsibility could be fixed only on two Subedars & a Naik and ~~only they have been only~~ ~~I proposed to deal~~ with ~~them~~ as follows:-

Subedar Gokal Rao Kowthekar: Imprisonment with hard labour for 20 days and discharge from Service.

Naik Shamlal - Reduction to ranks.

Subedar Abdul Rahiman Sheriff: Imprisonment with hard labour for 20 days.

My first idea was to recommend that these three people may be Court martialled. The Police evidence is so discordant as to what actually happened ~~about~~ that I fear that the three men, who I am morally satisfied were concerned

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in the affair, will go scot free if tried by Court Martial. All things considered, it is best to deal with them departmentally.

Colin Mackenzie
26.10.25. Chief Comdt I/c.

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to HH for info)

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for his information copies of papers put up

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Fair D.S.N. (as revised) is submitted.

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31/10/11

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Submitted to His Highness.

The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, forwarded, on the 27th September 1925, for the information of Government, copy of a report from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mysore City, stating that certain members of the detachment of the Mysore Infantry which had come from Bangalore for the Dasara had entered the Police Station at Krangere the previous night and created a scene and that in the disturbance - between the Police and the Infantry two or three men had received slight injuries. A detailed report on the occurrence was thereupon called for from the Chief Commandant. The Deputy Commissioner sent a further communication on the 6th October enclosing a copy of the report submitted by the City Magistrate of Mysore containing the result of the enquiry made by him into the matter, in conjunction with Mr. C.S. Kuppuswami Iyengar, Personal Assistant to the Chief Commandant (Who was in charge of the Chief Commandant's duties). The facts of the case as elicited at the enquiry are that at about 9.30 P.M. on the night of the 25th September, Sepoy Gopal Rao Kesarkar of VIII Company was found by a constable under suspicious circumstances in the compound of St. Joseph's School where some village women were sleeping and was therefore taken to and detained at the Krangere Police Station; that on hearing this certain other sepoys forcibly entered the Station and released Gopala Rao Kesarkar from police custody and that in the quarrel that ensued two Policemen and a sepoy received some injuries. The Chief Commandant in charge (Mr. Kuppuswami Iyengar) has reported that the facts of the case stated in the City Magistrate's report are substantially correct, that owing, however, to the discrepant and exaggerated statements made by the policemen, it was not considered desirable to subject the men concerned to court martial, that departmental notice had been taken of,

of the three sepoys -- Gopala Rao Kesarkar, Abdul Rahim Sheriff and Naik Shamlal, against whom sufficient proof was forthcoming by ordering the first to be imprisoned for 20 days and then discharged from service, the second to be imprisoned for 20 days an the third to be reduced to the ranks, and that the officers of the First Regiment and the Commandant of the Third Regiment will be warned for laches on their part.

In the circumstances reported by the Chief Commandant, no further action seems called for in the matter. A draft Government Order has accordingly been put up recording the correspondence and observing that the officers of the Battalion should be directed to exercise closer supervision over their men in future on such occasions. The papers are submitted for His Highness' gracious perusal and approval of the draft order proposed to be issued.

Bangalore,
4th November 1925.

DEWAN (IN CHARGE)

4/11/25

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Papers relating to the disturbance caused at Mysore by certain members of the detachment of the Mysore Infantry which had come from Bangalore for the Dasara.

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Order.

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

To Chief

The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

CS. 687.

Dated
Despatched } 27.9.25
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General No. H.R.O. 56-58
No.

Enclosure No. One

Submitted for the information of the Govt. in the matter of a raid on the Bangalore Police Station by the members of the Boat Party.

Immediate

M. No. 56-18
25-26

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
MYSORE DISTRICT,

Dated, Mysore, ...26th September 1925.

From A. V. Ramanathan, Esquire, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

To
The Chief *Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,* XXXXXXXX
(Camp) M y s o r e.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the information of/Government the copy of a report from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mysore City, in the matter of a raid on the Earnagere Police Station last night (25-9-1925) by certain members of the Bangalore detachment of Barr Sepoys who are in Mysore in connection with the Dassara Celebrations.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

Letter No. Nil dated the 26th September 1925 from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mysore City, to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, District.

"I beg to report that at about 10.20 P.M. when I was sleeping in my quarters this day Constable No. 54, Khaja Inayutalla of the Earnagere Station came running to me and informed that the Bangalore Infantry people, about 50 of them, in mufti rushed into the Station and were assaulting the Police Constables and the Sergeant and had broken the glass-panes of the Station door, etc., and wanted me there at once. Immediately I byked up and on the way saw almost all the Special Reserve Constables running towards the Station from their Lines with guns and bayonets. I asked them to stop and run up to the station and observed about 50 or 60 Infantry people in address surrounding Police Constable Javara No. 202 in the station chowk. As soon as they saw me the whole crowd began to run away towards the Bangalore Infantry Camp. Some of them had sticks and clubs in their hand. I asked them to stop but they never cared to listen to me. I then followed them to the quarter guard and asked the sentry to send for the day Officer telling him that I was the City Assistant Superintendent of Police. The sentry replied that the Day Officer was not present and there were nobody else. The whole mob went inside the camp and it was dark and drizzling at the time.

I then went to the Mysore Infantry Barracks, sentward to the Day Officer there and returned back to the Bangalore Infantry Camp. Some of the Officers turned up by that time and the Adjutant Mr. Abba Bakerkhan of the Mysore Infantry also. While I was informing them all of the disturbance I learnt that some of the Policemen and a Sepoy were lying wounded in the Station and ran up there and found the

the III Infantry Sepoy Sitarama Prasad and Police Sergeant Kemparamiah lying inured and bleeding. Police Constable No. 202 had a number of contusions and was complaining of pain all over the body. Tow other constables No. 54 and 159 also complained of pain on account of blows received from the Infantry men. The shirts of P.C. 54 and 202 were torn also.

Examined the Station. Two of the glass panes of the station door were found broken. Three vellore sticks and a new uniform turban of Police Constable No. 159 were missing. Constable No. 54 complained that his white bed-sheet was also missing. When these Police Constables were complaining of the missing articles, Sitaram Prasad also that his shawl was also missing. Blood steins were observed on the door steps and 4 places in the central Hall.

I sent word again to the Commandants of the Bangalore Infantry and the Mysore Infantry also. The latter refused to come and the former did not turn up even though word was sent to the house in the City wherein he was said to be staying. The Adjutant Mr. Abba Baker Khan was present with me all along and was of great help to me.

The facts of the case are as follows:- Police Constable No. 267 Antic observed while returning from the Palace duty at about 9.30 P.M. a relative of Sergeant Kemparamiah and a sepoy dressed only with a chaddi and ordinary dirty shirt entered the school compound in front of the station where some females from outside were sleeping. The constable asked them not to go there and disturb them. The Sergeant's relative went away but the other man refused to go and the Constable took him to the Station and left him with the Sentry. Seeing this a body of Infantry men in undress who are said to have been standing near the shop closeby rushed into the station and caused the above -

above disturbance.

All the injured men have been sent to the Hospital for treatment. I have given directions to the Police to see that there is no disturbance again. The Chief Commandant may be kindly addressed to instruct the Officers Commanding the Bangalore and Mysore Infantries in the matter. The Sergeant and Police Constables say that they can identify some of the sepoys that created the disturbance. As the Commanding Officers did not turn up and the Sepoys all got into their camp nothing further could be done in the matter.

Solicit orders in the matter of proceeding with the case as this a fight between the Military and the Police. Fortunately I went there in time other blood would have shed from both sides. Remained in the Station till 2 A.M. making necessary arrangement."

"Copy"

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

Enc. 896/C.B.50-15-12 dt 3/10/25

To

The Chief Constable, Tyrone State Forces.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a Report received from the Dy Comr, Tyrone District, in the matter of a Raid on the Garvagey Police Station by certain members of the Barrage ~~Garrison~~ Infantry who had been in Tyrone in connection with the Drumnaspeltan case & to request you to be so good as to furnish a detailed Report in the matter at a very early date.

(to be kindly returned with the reply)

I have &c

for Chief Secretary.

3/10/25

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No. A0.935 R2-25-26

Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District,

Dated Mysore, 6th October *1925.*

FROM

A.V. Ramanathan, Esq.,B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, &
District Magistrate, *Mysore.*

To

P. G. Desouza, Esq. B.A.
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

SIR,

In continuation of this office letter No. H.56-58 dated 26th September 1925, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of D.O. letter No.317 dated 1st October 1925 received from the City Magistrate,Mysore, reporting the result of his enquiry into the alleged Sepoy raid into Erangere Police Station, together with a copy of my letter to the Chief Commandant in Mysore, and to state that as regards Police, necessary instructions will be given.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

District Magistrate,
Mysore District.

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From

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
MYSORE DISTRICT,
MYSORE.

To

THE SECRETARY
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,
~~Local & Legis.Depts.~~ BANGALORE.

Dated 6th October 1925.

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General No.

No.

Enclosure No

Forwards a copy of D.O.letter from the City Magistrate, Mysore, re the alleged Sepoy raid into Erangere Police Station.

No.

Office of the District Magistrate,

Mysore District.

Dated, Mysore, 6th October 1925.

From

A.V. Ramanathan, Esq.,B.A.,

District Magistrate, Mysore District.

To

The Chief Commandant,

Mysore State Troops,

Bangalore.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- A.V. Ramanathan,

District Magistrate,

Mysore District.

"Copy"

For District Magistrate,

Mysore District.

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Sepoy Gopalarao Kasarkar No.38 of the VIII Company, First Battalion was found under suspicious circumstances in the compound of St. Joseph's School opposite to the Eerangere Station at about 9-30 or 10 P.M. Village women were sleeping there. P.C. Antik No. 267 of Eerangere station took sepoy Gopal Rao to Eerangere station with the help of P.C. Khaja where the sepoy was detained awaiting the Police Inspector's arrival. The policemen that were in the Station in charge of sepoy Gopal Rao were P.C. Javara, P.C. Khaja and P.C. Ponnusami. Certain other sepoys forcibly released this Gopalarao from the custody of the police and in the quarrel Police Serjeant Kemparamia and P.C. Javara sustained injuries on the one hand and Sepoy Sitaram Prasad on the other.

The conduct of the sepoys in forcibly releasing Gopalrao Kasarkar from lawful custody of the Police calls for punishment as there cannot be the slightest excuse for such lawlessness. The enquiry leaves little doubt about the guilt of 1. Gopalrao Kasarkar, 2. Syed Abdul Rahman Sheriff and 3. Naik Shamlal, all three of them being of the same battalion. I shall briefly refer to the evidence indicating their guilt. P.C. Antik, P.C.Khaja and P.C. Ponnusami have stated that Gopalrao Kasarkar was caught and kept in police custody, but forcibly released by the sepoys. It was the very constables in charge of the ---- arrested sepoy, namely P.C. Javara and Khaja, that got beaten by the sepoys. Sepoy Gopalrao's statement that he escaped before he was caught is a lie according to the very men who admit having released him. The statements of Shamlal and Rahman

Sheriff are discrepant as to whether the police tried to catch Kasarkar again after they released him. They are not therefore speaking the whole truth. It is admitted by Sepoy Rahman Sheriff and Naik Shamlal that sepoy Gopalrao was dragged to the Station by the police, that they released him from custody and that attempts of the police to catch him after escape failed. It is also clear that the policemen in charge of sepoy Gopalrao were injured. There can thus be no doubt that sepoy Gopalrao, Shamlal and Rahman Sheriff are responsible directly for releasing Gopalrao from lawful custody, and thus committed offences under Sections 224 and 225, Indian Penal Code. Their conduct deserves suitable punishment.

The policemen implicate Havildar Syed Ahmad also in having caused hurt and in taking a leading part for the rescue of Gopalrao and lawless behaviour at the Station. Subedar Syed Ahmad stated that he was on his rounds to inspect the gurards from 9-30 P.M. till 12-30 P.M. This explanation of his work between 9-30 and 12-30 P.M. is not convincing. P.C. Raja and P.C. Ponnusami stated that this Havaldar was at the head of the party who raided the station. It appears improbable that without some manner of encouragement from some of the officers the sepoys would not have behaved as they did. However, as the police did not record contemporary statements of their witnesses on the night soon after the occurrence, the Havaldar may be given the benefit of the doubt although there is room to suspect his participation.

Against other individual sepoys there is not satisfactory evidence and it is not safe to rely on the evidence of one or two police constabled to implicate sepoys who were among the body that raided the Station as the statements of the policemen were not recorded by the Inspector immediately after the occurance.

I cannot but refer to the defiant and indifferent attitude of some of the higher military officers who refused to [illegible] with the request of the Assistant Superintendent

of Police for co-operation in putting down a trouble between the sepoys and the police. I refrain from saying more as this is purely a matter of inter-departmental duty and the Chief Commandant was present during the enquiry,

Sepoy Sitaram Prasad, No. 69 of the First Battalion, received some injuries of which the only two worth notice are a wound on the scalp due to a blow with a blunt instrument and a small incised wound on the chest by a sharp instrument. The evidence is not decisive as to when and where he sustained the injuries. He is unable to identify or describe the persons who caused him injury. However, the incised wound on his chest supports his version that he was injured by a prick with a bayonet. The evidence of the policemen shows that this sepoy Sitaram Prasad was brought with injuries some time after the Assistant Superintendent of Police went to the sepoy-lines. There is thus room to suspect that sepoy Sitaram Prasad might have been injured by way of retaliation for the injuries of the constables. His injuries are insignificant and he is unable to identify his assailants. No action is therefore possible.

In this case the Reserve Police with arms marched out to guard the station. They should not have done so without the orders of a responsible Police Officer as the Assistant Superintendent of Police was near enough for the Reserve Subedar to take orders in a minute. The alleged bayonet injury is a serious charge against the Reserve Police. Serjeant Kemparannis should not have called the reserve when the Assistant Superintendent of Police was within a furlong from him. The Police may be directed to avoid these irregularities in future.

The incident seems to have created some irritation in the minds of both the forces and both the police and sepoys require advice to use more forbearance to each other. I would suggest

some deterrent punishment to the three sepoys who released Gopalrao from lawful custody of the Police in defiance of the civil power.

The records of enquiry are enclosed.

'Copy'

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

MYSORE STATE TROOPS.

C.S. 822

Tel. Address.
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No. C.98/25

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMANDANT,

Bangalore, dated 19 / 10 1925

C.R. Sec 25-9

FROM

C.S.Kuppusamy Iyengar Esq.,
Chief Commandant, (In charge)
Mysore State Troops, Bangalore.

19/11

To

P.G.D'Souza Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

SIR,

Referring to your letter No.896/C.B.dated the 3rd October 1925 calling for a report in the matter of a raid on the Erangere Police - Station by some members of the Bangalore Infantry Detachment, I have the - honor to state that receiving information on the morning of 26th September 1925 that some sepoys of the Bangalore Detachment raided the Erangere ---- Police Station during the previous night, I immediately proceeded to the - Infantry camp to make enquiries. I met the City Magistrate on my way and took him with me as he had orders from the District Magistrate to hold an enquiry. A copy of his report to the District Magistrate is submitted - herewith. I was with him throughout the enquiry. The facts of the case as stated by him are substantially correct. There is no doubt that sepoy Gopal Rao Kesarkar who was taken into custody was released by Sepoys Syed Abdul Rahimon Sheriff and Naik Shamlal. It is just possible that some - other sepoys also came to the rescue of their comrade but there is no clear evidence on the point. A Sergeant and two Constables appear to have been beaten. The statements made by the Constables are so discrepant that it is not possible to rely on - them. In fact one of the Constables even went to the extent of saying that he was carried away to the lines by the sepoys and that the Assistant -- Superintendent of Police on going to the lines rescued him. The Assistant Superintendent of Police flatly denies this. I am mentioning this just to show that the matter has been greatly exaggerated by the Police. A sepoy

A sepoy of the Third Regiment also received injuries. He obviously took no part in the alleged raid and as observed by the City ------ Magistrate he might have been injured by way of retaliation. I believe that it is the Reserve Police that handled this sepoy roughly. The timely arrival of the Assistant Superintendent of Police put an end to all troubles. The Commandant, First Regiment, was not in the Camp when he went here. He appears to have met Subedar Krishna Rao and talked over matters with him. Finding that the injured sepoy belonged to the Third Regiment, he seems to have sent for the ----- Commandant of that Regiment. His complaint is that the Commandant did not respond to his call. There is no positive proof that the call to come was actually conveyed to the Commandant.

2. There is thus some proof of being concerned in the affair only against sepoys Gopal Rao Kesarkar and Syed Abdul Rahim Sheriff & Shamlal. They will be suitably dealt with departmentally. The Officers of the First Regiment and the Commandant of the Third Regiment will be ---- warned for alleged laches on their part.

3. Needful precautionary measures ~~against further trouble~~ were taken immediately and all further trouble averted.

4. The copy of the Deputy Commissioner's report received with your letter under reference is herewith returned as desired.

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Sir,
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Chief Commandant I/C,
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The incident seems to have created some irritation in the minds of both the forces and both the police and sepoys require advice to use more forbearance to each other. I would suggest some deterrent punishment to the three sepoys who released Gopala Rao from lawful custody of the Police in defiance of the civil power.

The records of enquiry are enclosed.

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Chief Commandant I/C,
Mysore State Troops.

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R e a d:-

Letter No.95 dated the 6th October 1925 from the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate of Mysore reporting on certain occurrence which took place in Mysore on the night of 25th Sept~~Oct~~ 25 certain sepoys of the Mysore Infantry caused some disturbance in the Erangere Police Station.

2. Correspondence ending with Un-official Note dated the 26th October 1925 by the Chief Commandant, in Charge, reporting on the occurrence and stating that responsibility could be fixed for the disturbance only on two sepoys and one nayak and that they have been dealt with departmentally.

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Order No. 1175-6/ep.86-25-5

Bangalore, 10th Nov. 1925.

Recorded.

2. The officers of the Battalion should be directed to exercise closer supervision over their men in future particularly on occasions like Dasara and the Birthday festivities when there are chances of the men getting out of hand.

Chief Secy. to Govt.

To
The Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops
& Dy. Commr. & Dist. Magistrate, Mysore